(b) whether it is also a fact that India's share in textile exports in only 2 per cent of the global textile exports;

(c) if so, the reasons for this low percentage; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the percentage of exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) According to the currently available data, India's share in the world textile trade is around 2%. The major reason for this low share is the quota restrictions imposed by major textile importing countries. Government have taken several steps to increase textile exports which include full convertibility of Rupees, allowing import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production, participation in Buyer-Seller Meets, fairs, exhibitions etc.

Modernisation of Textile Industry in Gujarat by Israel

1562. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has offered to enter into joint industrial cooperation for modernisation of textile industry in the State of Gujarat

(b) if so, what are the industrial projects where Israel has agreed to help and assist the State Government of Gujarat;

(c) whether the Central Government have agreed and have allowed the State Government of Gujarat to enter into contracts with Israel; and

(d) if so, what are the industrial areas for which agreements have been reached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) As per available information, no such offer has been made.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Loss Incurring NTC Textiles Mills in Gujarat

1563. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Textile Mills being run by the National Textiles Corporation in Gujarat State;

(b) what is the number of mills out of these which are incurring losses; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to make these mills profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) 11 Textile mills are being run by National Textile Corporation in Gujarat.

(b) All these mills are incurring losses.

(c) Government have approved a Turn Around Strategy for NTC inlcuding the mills of NTC in Gujarat. The key elements of this strategy include selective modernisation, financial and managerial restructuring and rationalisation of surplus workforce under Voluntary Retirement Scheme. It is expected that NTC including its mills in Gujarat would be able to attain profitability in three years with the successful implementation of the Turn Around Strategy. The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has been entrusted with the responsibility of the revival of the mills under NTC (Gujarat) Ltd. under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special, Provisions) Act, 1985.